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DISPLAY DETERMINATION: 107TH ENGINEER BATTALION TRAINS IN TURKEY

The *American Eagle* offloads engineer equipment at Tekirdag, Turkey for the 107th Engineer Battalion at the start of Display Determination.

See pages 8 and 9.

(Editor's note: Maj. Gen. Vernon J. Andrews, Michigan Adjutant General, has requested each general officer and major Michigan National Guard commander to contribute a guest column to the Wolverine Guard. *This will give all soldiers an opportunity to learn the views of their leaders.)*

Photo by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

Lt. Col. Gerald Purcell

Tag Talk

Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Purcell is the Commandant of Michigan Military Academy at Fort Custer Training Center. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University with degrees in business administration and industrial psychology. Before joining the Michigan National Guard, Purcell was a communications sergeant in the United States Army Reserve. He was commissioned through the Michigan Military Academy Officer Candidate School in 1967 and assigned to the 1st Battalion 125th Infantry in 1971 as a platoon leader. He commanded Combat Support Company and served in various staff positions including Executive Officer of 1st Battalion 125th Infantry before assuming his present position on 10 May 1987. Lieutenant Colonel Purcell is a graduate of the resident Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Purcell has two sons, Michael, 14, and Gregory, 18, who is a rifleman in Company B 1st Battalion 125th Infantry. He was promoted to his present rank on 27 May 1987 and he and his wife, Marilyn, live in Battle Creek.

As I observe the students who come to Michigan Military Academy, I am impressed with their dedication and enthusiasm. These soldier-students are eager to experience this rite of passage and use these new soldiering skills to contribute to the mission accomplishment of their home units. This eagerness and enthusiasm is obvious in all students but especially so in those attending the Recruit Training Orientation Course (RTOC).

To help Michigan Military Academy students in identifying their Guard and personal career goals, I have developed a motivational presentation called Creating the Future. It is designed to engender a healthy mental attitude and addresses four basic areas: Possibilities, Blind Spots, Perception is Reality and Achievement. The presentation has several variations and is tailored to the audience. What follows is part of the presentation I give to RTOC students when they arrive at the Academy.

"Have you ever noticed that some people are lucky or unlucky? Those individuals who appear to be lucky do not experience good fortune because of chance, but because they have practiced being lucky, they have worked hard to be lucky, they have created their luck. They have considered all of the possibilities and keyed in the positive ones. They have positive mental attitudes and positive "self talk." Their self talk is important because it makes them what they are. It also causes what one believes to happen, happen, because it generates a self-fulfilling prophecy. "Lucky" soldiers remember the future by preparing for it so that when it arrives, they are ready for the possibilities. They have earned their luck.

"Blind spots are prejudices, preconceived notions and selected believing. We may or may not be aware of them but they have a profound effect on our attitudes. They must be considered because they limit our possibilities. Successful soldiers perceive the military objectively and accent the positive aspects of it. We all have blind spots and our success depends on how well we deal with them.

"We have a tendency to manipulate what we perceive because of our blind spots. Nevertheless, our perceptions, whether true or untrue, are our reality. Our perceptions create our reality — they create our future. For example, if you wake up in the morning believing that it will be a rotten day, it probably will be. We are prisoners to our perceptions — so we must be alert to our attitude and ensure that what we perceive is true. There is nothing more conducive to success than a positive mental attitude.

"Achievement is brought about primarily by establishing future goals and working towards them. At nearly every stage of a soldier's career, he must decide what he wants to be or do and then prepare himself for it. An effective way to enhance success is to visualize yourself being or doing what you have affirmed. For example, knowing that a sharp military appearance influences a soldier's success, you should make that a goal. Visualize yourself as being sharp. If you do this, it will happen with very little effort because your visualization will be your motivation. Of course, there are many other goals you must set; passing the PT test, maintaining your weight, qualifying with your assigned weapon and attending drills. Do you want to be sergeant or an officer? Visualize yourself in a leadership role, identify all that you must be or do and create that future for yourself.

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Retired Guard Advisor Still Advising Guard

The fact that Col. George O. Green, Jr. spent a considerable portion of his military career advising the Army National Guard in Nebraska and Michigan probably had something to do with his selection as the new Executive Director of the National Guard Association of Michigan (NGAM).

Colonel Green was the Senior Army Advisor to the Nebraska Army National Guard from 1977 until 1981 and held the same position in Michigan from 1983 until this year. The intervening years were spent in South Korea where he was the commander of the United States Garrison at Seoul. Here he supervised over 20,000 people.

Colonel Green had not planned a lifelong military career. He wanted to be a high school science teacher and after serving a two-year tour at Fort Sheridan, Illinois as a Nike-Ajax anti-aircraft missile platoon leader, taught high school at La Paz, Indiana from 1957 until 1962. During this time he stayed active with the United States Army Reserve and spent five summers at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

He had been commissioned a reserve officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Purdue University in 1955 and had applied for a Regular Army commission in his last month of active duty. Five years later at La Paz, Indiana, he accepted it, left high school teaching and was back in the Army.

"My date of rank clock kept ticking when I was in the Reserve and I made major shortly after coming back on active duty. Over half of my 33 years of active duty were spent as a field grade officer," said Green.

Green was a major when he served a one-year tour as an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army in 1968 and 1969. While in Vietnam, Col. Green was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star with three awards for Valor and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver and Gold Star.

The position of Executive Director for NGAM requires considerable experience with the legislative process. This Col. Green has as he spent the years from 1973 through 1977 as a legislative liaison to the Congress of the United States while assigned to the Pentagon.

"One of the reasons we moved NGAM from Detroit to Lansing was to get closer to the Michigan Legislature. This year we're going to have legislation introduced to assist Michigan Guardsoldiers with their college tuition. We're going to model it on the Ohio Guard program which is probably the best in the country. We're also going to try to get distinctive license plates for the Michigan National Guard at no extra cost," explained Green.

The offices of the National Guard Association of Michigan are located on the second floor of the Lansing Artillery Armory at 300 Elvin Court in Lansing. The office is staffed by Mrs. Nancy R. Smith, Mrs. Ruth G. Rheaume as well as Col. Green. Their telephone number is area code 517-484-1644.

"We exist to support the Michigan National Guard. Any Association member can call us anytime and I am available at any time to talk to Guard units about Association matters," stated Green.

Asked what NGAM can do for junior members of the Association, Col. Green explained two programs.

"We've worked out an auto service discount deal with all of the K-Mart stores in Michigan. This is just for auto service, not the whole store. If you show your grey, NGAM card to the auto service manager, you will get up to a 30 percent discount on auto services and parts. The actual discount will be determined by each store.

"The other program we are revamping is our travel program. Instead of those exotic and expensive trips that only retired generals and colonels can afford, we're going to package small, three-day trips that young, junior Association members can afford. Like a long weekend AMTRAK trip from Lansing to Toronto, Canada or a trip to Las Vegas. We'll probably still have one out-of-country trip a year but we're going to offer what most of our members can afford," said Green.

Five years in the USAR and two, four tours as the Senior Army Advisor to the National Guard in Nebraska and Michigan has given Col. Green a particular sensitivity to the needs and concerns of the individual Guardsoldier in Michigan. This insight will serve him well during his tenure as Executive Director of the National Guard Association of Michigan.

The *Wolverine Guard* will continue to report on NGAM activities to the readership.

by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

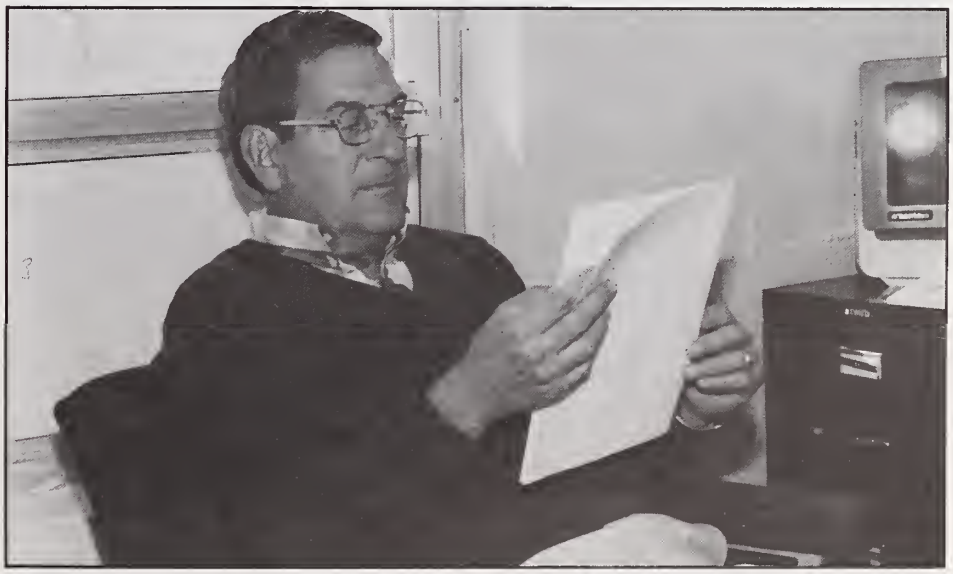

Photo by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

It may be a new job but Col. George O. Green, Jr. finds there still is paperwork to do as Executive Director of the National Guard Association of Michigan.

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"As you begin your military career, consider all of the possibilities, set goals and practice being lucky.

"Do not limit your possibilities with blind spots. Realize that your perceptions are your reality and ensure that they are accurate. Set realistic goals for yourself and visualize yourself achieving them. Earn your good fortune and create your future with the power generated by exercising these thought processes."

Our Guardsoldiers constitute our greatest resource. As our recruits begin their military careers by successfully completing initial entry training, they have begun to create their futures as soldiers. As leaders we all share the mission of assisting them to continue their development with good training, caring, commitment and support. While leadership in these areas is obvious, lack of leadership is even more obvious. Michigan Military Academy develops leaders who will not only train our new soldiers but also nurture their personal and professional growth. In doing so we enhance mobilization readiness. This is the primary contribution of the Michigan Military Academy.

NGAM Auto Discount at Michigan K-Marts Works!!

When Col. Green told me about K-Mart's car service discount program for members of the National Guard Association of Michigan, it sounded like such a good deal I decided to test it for the *Wolverine Guard.* (See Profile, page 3)

My 1981 El Camino has 57,000 miles on it and the V-6 engine had lately been starting rough, idling fast and dieseling on shutdown. I called the K-Mart store on South Cedar Street here in Lansing and made an appointment to bring the Camino in on Saturday morning, 31 October at 0930.

Saturday morning at 0930 Josh Adams was there to log me in. I described what I thought was wrong with the vehicle and he had me shut it down several times so he could listen to the dieseling problem.

After he wrote it up, he told me to return about eleven o'clock and pick up the vehicle. This I did and the vehicle was ready. I started it and it idled fine and did not diesel when I turned the key off.

I thanked Josh and went to the cashier's desk to pay my bill which came to $46.10. When I got there I explained I was a member of the National Guard Association of Michigan and was entitled to a discount. There was a brief look of confusion on the cashier's face as I handed her my NGAM membership card but then she said she thought she had heard something about this in an employee meeting and she would have to check with her supervisor. Several minutes later she came back, handed me my card and took ten percent off of the bill. This came to $4.60 and I paid her the rest.

No muss, no fuss. The K-Mart automobile service discount program for Association members works fine. El Camino runs fine, also.

by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

Photo by Sgt. Thomas R. Roberts

The Michigan National Guard's C-130 will be flying to the 110th National Convention of the National Guard Association of the United States in September of 1988.

Wolverine Guard Recognized By NGAUS

The National Guard Association of the United States at its 109th Annual Convention at Portland, Oregon, declared the *Wolverine Guard* to be runner up in Category 3 of state publications. This is the second award for the *Wolverine Guard* since adopting its new format and becoming a monthly publication. The first was the Fourth Estate Award from United States Army Forces Command for "...most improved layout and content," in July of 1986. The magazine went monthly in February of that year.

Remember the Alamo — and the NGAUS Conference

The 110th Annual Convention of the National Guard Association of the United States will be held next year at San Antonio, Texas, home of the famed Alamo.

The dates are going to be from the 23rd of September, 1988, until the 29th. The extended dates next year are because the NGAUS Conference in *1989* will be held in Detroit, Michigan, 20 September 1989 until 24 September. This will give the Michigan delegation a chance to observe and work with their Texas National Guard counterparts on how to handle a national convention of this magnitude.

A limited number of seats on Michigan's C-130 are available to conference attendees. The C-130 will leave Selfridge Air National Guard Base 0800, 23 September 1988 and Lansing at 0900 for San Antonio. The aircraft will depart the Home of the Alamo at 1330 local time and arrive Selfridge 2000 and Lansing, 2030 on the 29th of September 1988. Reservations for the C-130 can be made by writing to the Chief of Staff, Department of Military Affairs, 2500 South Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

This early announcement is made so Conference attendees will have ample time to arrange their vacation schedules and notify their employers.

by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

National Guard Assists Coast Guard

Photo by Petty Officer (BM3) Paul Cormier

Specialist Paul Maxson of the 460th Supply and Service Company lifts the port engine out of the Saginaw Coast Guard search and rescue boat with the crane on his five-ton wrecker.

Lieutenant Colonel "Jack" Nelson, Executive Officer of the 46th Engineer Group, enjoys telling the story of how he joined the National Guard. "I was a young lad living in Marquette and wanted to join the Coast Guard so I could have a boat. So I joined the Guard and went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for Basic but didn't find a boat. Back in Marquette I kept looking for my boat and finally asked old Bill Larson where my boat was. 'What boat?' said Larson. 'I joined the Coast Guard to ride a boat,' I said. Larson said, 'This is the *National* Guard, not the Coast Guard.' "

Recently a unit that shares an organizational maintenance shop with one of Nelson's units in the 46th Engineer Group had an opportunity to help out the United States Coast Guard. The Saginaw River Coast Guard Station had to replace the port engine in their forty-one-foot search and rescue boat but had no way to lift out the damaged engine or lift back in the rebuilt engine.

A request to the 460th Supply and Service Company at Midland and approval from State Guard Headquarters solved the problem. Specialist Paul Maxson, a full-time Guardsman at Organizational Maintenance Shop 22 (OMS 22) drew an M819 five ton wrecker and headed for Saginaw River Coast Guard Station to remove and replace the boat engine. "I was on site at nine in the morning on the 29th of October and by noon we had the engine out and the new one in and snugged down. The Coasties were pretty happy with our help," said Maxson.

Coast Guard — National Guard — people helping people.

by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

National Guard Civilian Honored As Federal Employee of the Year

Photo by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

Mr. Howard Jennings of the Lansing Federal Credit Union congratulates Mrs. Maxine Davis on being selected Federal Employee of the Year in the Greater Lansing Area. Mrs. Davis has been a Technician Payroll Clerk at the United States Property and Fiscal Office for over 33 years. Her boss, Col. George Higginson, is seated to the far right.

Michigan Woman Achieves Yet Another National "First"

Colonel Nancy Graf, of Vermontville, has accomplished many national "firsts" in her military career. Her most recent is becoming the first woman line officer in the United States to be promoted to Colonel in the Air National Guard. Colonel Graf's promotion was announced recently at the Michigan National Guard's headquarters in Lansing where she is the Executive Support Staff Officer (ESSO)...a position that, in itself, represents another national "first."

In announcing her promotion, Brigadier General Arthur Tesner, the Assistant Adjutant General for Air and senior Air Guard officer in the State, said "Colonel Graf became my ESSO because she was the best person for the job and is being promoted to full Colonel in recognition of her outstanding performance. Every man and woman in the National Guard can learn from her example. Hard work and determination do indeed reap benefits. Colonel Graf is one of the most outstanding officers I have ever had the opportunity to work with."

According to General Tesner, while the Air Force has made substantial progress in its recruitment of women officers, it still is quite rare to find one in a senior leadership position. This was even more so in 1981 when then Major Graf became the first woman in the nation to command a Combat Support Squadron. Her unit was part of the 110th Air Support Group stationed at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base. After proving both her technical knowledge and leadership ability, Graf was made Deputy commander for Resources of the entire 110th Group: another national first.

In November 1986 she moved up to the Michigan Air National Guard's overall Headquarters in Lansing. Never before in the Air National Guard, of any of the 50 states, had a woman been given the responsibilities of the Executive Support Staff Officer. As the senior administrative person in Michigan's Air Guard, she had accomplished yet another national first in her barrier breaking career.

Col. Graf joined the Air Force and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December 1967 upon completion of Officer Training School. She remained on active duty until August 1971 when she joined the Michigan Air National Guard as Information Officer for Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

When not wearing Air Force blue Col. Graf wears the denim blue of an experienced horse trainer, and is a familiar sight in the Winner's Circle of Michigan racetracks.

by Lt. Col. Brian Downey

Photo by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

Colonel Nancy Graf administers the re-enlistment oath to Master Sgt. Rick Kitchen, the Air National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Program Manager.

Ribbon Order Changed

Army Guardsmen around the country who have been awarded the ARCAM (Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal) are "out of uniform" in their service uniform (greens) if they haven't corrected the order of precedence according to changes approved in AR 670-1 in November 1986.

The ARCAM, which is the counterpart to the Army Good Conduct Medal will now rank immediately after the active service components Good Conduct Medal and directly in front of the Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal (if you happen to have one of those).

According to an Action Memorandum from the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon, the change was ordered by the Secretary of the Army to bring the ARCAM in line with similar awards from other services.

The award was created in 1971 for members of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve not on active duty. All other services have a similar medal for their reserve components and rank the medal immediately after the Good Conduct Medal of their active force. The ARCAM, however, originally was ranked behind the equivalent medal of other services and all U.S. campaign and service medals.

To qualify for the award, Guard soldiers must meet standards of conduct, courage and duty for a four-year period.

The ANG *Guard*ian *Ang*el Who Always Reports Late!

ANG is an acronym for Air National *Guard,* but in the case of Technical Sergeant John D. Goodin, it's simply the first three letters of ANGel, as in GUARDian.

Goodin is an Airfield Management Specialist with the 110th Tactical Air Support Group, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base. But he is rapidly becoming known as the Battle Creek GUARDian ANGel for his involvement with the civilian population.

In July, 1987 Goodin was driving a staff car from the Battle Creek Base to Phelps Collins ANG Base for his annual field training. Not too far from the Base near Richland he encountered a man in the middle of the road frantically waving him down. Nearby were two cars that had a head-on collision, each driven by a woman who was the sole occupant.

"I sent someone who was behind me to call for emergency help and to get a fire extinguisher. Then I ran over to the car that had smoke coming from under the hood," reported the Air Guardsman. "The driver was conscious, but she couldn't move.

"The fire started building up under the hood, and I had to make a quick decision on whether or not to move her, and risk injury, or subject her to a possible fire inside the car. I decided the greater risk was to leave her in the car.

"One other individual and myself tried to open the driver's side door, but couldn't jar it open. We did manage to get the passenger side door open, and quickly pull her out." The unassuming Guardsman states, "I couldn't have done it by myself, because we literally had to drag her from the car.

"As it turned out, pulling her out was the right decision, because there was soon intense heat and smoke in the car. But to be honest with you, I still cannot remember exactly how we got her out of the car. I then put cold packs on her wounds, and helped the other driver, who it seemed had minor shock. I stayed with both individuals until the emergency crew arrived, and both ladies were then taken to a nearby hospital.

"I gave my name to the local sheriff deputy that arrived on the scene, and then took off for Phelps Collins Base. My personal concern at that point was that I was going to be late for my annual training!

"Showing up late for military service" is becoming a habit for this dedicated Guardsman. In the winter of 1983 he and Staff Sergeant Dennis McHugh, a fellow Guardsman, were leaving their motel room early Sunday morning for a short trip to the Base when they made a wrong turn. While making a U-turn Goodin noticed a "yellow glow" in a house. "I would not have seen it had we not been lost, and made a wrong turn in the dark Michigan morning," reported Goodin. Upon closer inspection he also saw smoke coming from the house.

Sergeant McHugh took off in his car to report the fire, while Goodin started banging on the front and back doors, without getting a response. "Then I tried a side bedroom window, and fortunately woke up a man who was sleeping there. He quickly let me in the house."

I asked, "Anyone else in there? The man replied, 'Yes, another guy sleeping upstairs.' At that point the smoke was getting thicker, and the flames were starting to spread. I ran upstairs and found him sleeping in bed, and quickly got him out of there. What's funny is that he was more concerned about leaving his TV behind!

"By this time the Fire Department had arrived after getting McHugh's call, and the flames were going up the side of the house. The smoke was getting very thick, and the windows had blown out from the intense heat. I don't think that those two guys, both of whom were sleeping, could have stayed in the house much longer.

"We did all we could do at that point, so our next concern was getting to the Base. We had both just joined the unit, and hated to show up late!"

Lieutenant Colonel John L. Bradley III, Goodin's Commander at the Battle Creek Base, states, "John is one of the most dedicated troops I have, which is why several years ago he was our Base Airman of the Year." He adds in jest, "I just wish he'd get to the Base on time!"

John served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1958 until 1962 as a field radio operator, and joined the Battle Creek unit in 1982.

In his civilian career he has been a high school teacher and football coach for 20 years, the last 15 at Tri-County High School in Howard City. Several years ago he was the Regional Football Coach of the Year in Class C.

He is a 1967 graduate of Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, IL, and now resides at 3560 Johnson Road in Newago, Michigan.

by Maj. David W. Lubbers

Photo by 110th Tactical Air Support Group

Technical Sergeant John D. Goodwin was "officially late" for weekend drill several times for very good reasons.

Hull Appointed New Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel David D. Hull has been named the new Commander of the 172nd Tactical Air Support Squadron, located at the Battle Creek (MI) Air National Guard Base. The appointment was announced by Lieutenant Colonel John L. Bradley III, the Base Commander of the Battle Creek unit.

Hull joined the U.S. Air Force in 1967, and completed tours in Texas, Georgia, Illinois, Colorado, and Vietnam, where he flew over 700 combat hours in an O-2 aircraft.

The veteran pilot joined the Battle Creek unit in 1974, and since then has served as a Forward Air Controller, Flight Commander, and most recently as an Operations Officer.

Hull graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1962, and earned his B.S. degree from Ferris State College in Big Rapids in 1967, majoring in mathematics. His parents, Gerald and Iva Hull, now reside in Stanwood, MI.

In civilian life the new Commander is a Systems Engineer at IBM in Kalamazoo. He resides with his wife Linda and their children Sarah and Brian at 10102 Terry Lane in Portage, MI.

by Maj. David W. Lubbers

Display Determination: 107th Eng

When the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) of Fort Stewart, Georgia was task-organizing for its role in *Display Determination,* a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) exercise held in Turkey in October, they discovered they had a need for combat engineer support beyond their divisional engineer assets.

The Taro Leaf Division is part of Central Command (CENTCOM) and is charged with deploying to the Middle East on short notice during an emergency.

The 24th Division planners asked Forces Command for additional engineers and FORSCOM tasked the National Guard Bureau for combat engineers. Guard Bureau wanted to send the best which is how 82 combat engineers from Michigan's Upper Peninsula found themselves sharing an aircraft hangar with two F-16 jet fighters at Terrojon Air Base, Spain on the 24th and 25th of September on their way to Turkey and *Display Determination.*

Planning for the 107th Engineer Battalion's part in the NATO exercise began months before the actual deployment according to Maj. Fred Stonehouse, the battalion's executive officer.

"Our mission was to improve the infrastructure, roads and bridges, around and to the exercise area so the 24th could get their armor and tracks in. We decided early on what we had to take with us to get the job done and railed two sets of engineer equipment out of Camp Grayling early in September. One set went to Savannah, Georgia and the other went to Boston for sealift to Turkey," said Stonehouse.

The engineers were formed into two cells for the airlift to Turkey. One flew out of K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette, and the other out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base, northeast of Detroit.

The 107th Engineers married up with their bulldozers, graders and dump trucks at the port city of Tekirdag, Turkey on the Sea of Marmara. The equipment had been shipped in "ro-ro" ships, roll on-roll off, under contract to the United States Navy. Sergeant Daniel R. Escola of Company B accompanied the battalion's equipment on the *American Eagle* all the way across the Atlantic Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea and the Aegean Sea.

After the 107th Engineers got their equipment to the exercise area and set up housekeeping, they moved right into improving the roads and bridges in the area. In some cases, the original bridges could not handle a Class 60 load and had to be bypassed. Once this was accomplished to the satisfaction of the Division Engineer, the 107th began constructing primary and alternate fighting positions for the Division's M-1A1 Abrams tanks and digging in the Division Tactical Operations Center (DTOC).

Turkey meets the Michigan National Guard. This flow between donkey carts and the engineer equipme

Photo by 1st Sgt. Richard Oja

After a non-stop, three-day rain, even the bulldozers of the 107th Engineers got stuck in the mud.

"We dug the DTOC down to about three feet and hit limestone. We had to spread it in the fields and then local purchase hay to cover it up so the TOC couldn't be spotted from the air," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Kennedy of Headquarters Company and Palmer, Michigan.

According to Sgt. Gregory Anderson, also of Headquarters Company, the terrain was a lot different than soft Grayling sand.

"We wore out the cutting edges on the grader blades because the rock was so hard under the clay. New ones had to be flown in from West Germany. This is the only maintenance problem we had during the whole three weeks. Not one piece of equipment went down because of lack of maintenance."

The 107th Engineers organized themselves into three elements: A Main Support Base, a Forward Support Base and an Infantry Support Group, otherwise known as "La Bamba 16."

Display Determination lasted from 1 October until the 7th for the 24th Infantry Division, but the 107th Engineers were 'first in and last out' according to Sgt. 1st Class Kennedy.

neer Battalion Trains in Turkey

Photo by 1st Sgt. Richard Oja

kish military policeman maintains an orderly traffic f the 107th Engineer Battalion near Tekirdag, Turkey.

Photo by 1st Sgt. Richard Oja

Soldiers and shoeshine boys go together around the world. Sergeant John Gorto gets his boots shined and buys a Turkish snack from two enterprising Turkish lads.

Photo by Sgt. Dennis Cummings

ery piece of equipment was stripped, steamed and washed before being loaded back on ship for the p back to the States.

"We had to build the road so the 24th could get in and then when they left, we had to fill in all the fighting positions and leave the country just the way we found it. Actually, we left it in much better shape than when we started. We left all-weather roads behind us for the Turkish citizens to use to get to town."

After ENDEX, end of exercise, came WASHEX, a seven-day, round-the-clock cleaning operation that stripped, steamed and washed every piece of track and wheeled equipment that was used in the exercise.

"The United States Department of Agriculture takes a dim view of the military bringing another country's insects back to the States," said Sgt. Anderson.

"We had to take off the track protectors of the dozers, the belly pans and even the spares on the dump trucks to get in there with the steam guns and blast out the bugs. 'Bugs and Drugs.' The Turkish Army had drug-sniffing dogs checking the equipment. Nothing got by them," said Anderson.

Istanbul was 100 kilometers away from the exercise area and the 107th Engineers were given some time off to visit the ancient city. They were given a terrorist briefing because of the rebellious Kurds in the north of the country and advised to maintain the "buddy system" when traveling in town.

"This was the only time we got out of the 24th Division's 'Victory Standard Uniform' that the 24th Division insisted on," said Sgt. 1st Class Kennedy. "We wore our Kevlar helmets, web equipment, gas masks and carried our weapons from the time we left the Ishpeming Armory until we got back on the 20th of October. We really played the game."

Play the game they did according to Brig. Gen. William C. Page, Jr., the Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver for the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in a recent telephone interview.

"I was impressed with the Michigan Engineers and so was my Division Engineer. They got in early and had the area set when the division rolled in. When we would give them a mission order, they would hand it back and say 'It's done, Sir.' They had the ability to read terrain and anticipate what had to be done. The 107th is a good unit; one of the best I've seen."

by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

"Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos."
—Gen. George Catlett Marshall

The Brady Guard

While the Territorial Act of 1805 provided for the establishment of a militia in Michigan, the oldest unit to which an unbroken lineage can be traced from a present day unit is the Brady Guard of Detroit. Many company size militia units were formed to participate in the War of 1812, the Patriot War and the Blackhawk War. These, however, were broken up after each campaign including the Detroit City Guard that fought in the Blackhawk War in 1832 and was then disbanded.

In April of 1836, several ex-members of the Detroit City Guard met and formed the Brady Guard, and the lineage of that unit can be traced to Company A 1st Battalion 225th Infantry of Detroit. First Battalion 225th Infantry is commanded by Lt. Col. Michael J. Rice and 1st Lt. Kenneth Hoffman has the honor of commanding Company A, the oldest military unit in Michigan.

The establishment of a military unit over a hundred and fifty years ago was vastly different that it is today. Officers were elected and enlisted members were chosen by a two-thirds vote of the body. Exactly how different can be learned from the following article taken from the *Democratic Free Press,* 9 April 1836.

> *The Brady Guards* - This corps has commenced its organization and as its constitution differs from that of independent companies generally, we deem a brief synopsis thereof will be interesting. The muster-roll contains 81 names and 10 musicians. There is a civil and military division, in themselves distinct, but both have object.
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> The military officers are as usual, except an additional lieutenant, a quartermaster and surgeon. The civil, a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Every member pays by three installments covering 70 days the sum of $33 into the treasury, which includes the price of the uniform and initiation fee. The arms, uniforms and equipments are furnished by the company and are kept in the company armory. The uniform consists of a dark blue coat with buff and lace trimings (sic) and two rows of buttons with a spread eagle thereon, the cut, the same as the coats of the U.S. Artillery; sky blue pants, with a buff stripe; caps similar to those in the Army with "B.G." in brass in front, and a flowing or drooping plume, light blue with buff, white cartridge, bayonet scabbard and waist-belts with brass plates, knapsacks and muskets. The officers the same, with the addition of buff silk sashes, epaulettes and straight swords. At present the company drills three times a week, under the direction Colonels Bacon and Rowland, drill officers.
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> The object sought in the formation of the company is the raising of the military spirit of the young men of Detroit, and having a company, well filled and soldier-like, to obey any calls which may be found necessary to make upon it, either to suppress riots or for any other cause. The civil officers have been chosen and are: Col. Eno. Winder, President, Jas. G. Crane, 1st Vice President, Wm. A. Crocker, 2nd Vice President, Jas. A. Armstrong, Secretary, A.T. McReynolds, Treasurer and Chas. W. Penny, Auditor.
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> When a member leaves the Guards, he receives as much as the uniform is worth, by a Committee duly elected, appraising the damages done and deducting the same from $30, the balance being paid to the member leaving.

The new milita unit must have held its organizational meeting between the 9th of April and the 13th because the 13 April 1836 edition of the *Democratic Free Press* reports... "The young men of our city have united and formed an independent military company, and from the spirit and zeal manifested, we have no doubt a thorough organization will be completed. Whital, they have by a unanimous vote adopted the name of "The Brady Guards." This is as it should be. Gen. Brady has been for some time a resident among us, and it needed not even his services as a soldier or his bravery of "Lundy's Lane" to entitle him to some mark of regard from the members of the Corps."

Lundy's Lane is a small village near Niagara Falls, New York that was the scene of "The most hotly contested land action of the war" (War of 1812), according to Robert Morris, author of *Encyclopedia of American History.* Morris describes the 25 July 1814 battle as fought to a draw in five hours between American and British forces but does not detail Gen. Brady's role in it.

The Brady Guards retained Maj. Gen. Hugh Brady's name until 1855 when it was renamed the Grayson Guard, in honor of Col. Grayson, a U.S. Army instructor.

Over the years, the Brady Guards has been part of the First Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment, the first to volunteer for the Civil War, the 32nd Infantry Division (Red Arrow) in both World Wars, the now lost 46th Infantry Division (Iron Fist) and presently is one of three rifle battalions in the 46th Infantry Brigade (Wolverines) of the 38th Infantry Division (Cyclone).

The Brady Guard has, at various times, been Michigan's only airborne battalion and more recently, a mechanized battalion affiliated with the 4th Infantry Division (Ivy) of Fort Carson, Colorado. The 1st Battalion 225th Infantry today is located at the Detroit Light Guard Armory with Company C at Port Huron.

by Maj. Michael H. Johnson & William Munday

Photo by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

The Brady Guard would have lived in camp sites like this one during the Civil War. This re-enactment is authentic even to the cast iron cooking pots.

The Range Cleaners

Of the 1,600 indoor small arms ranges in National Guard armories nationwide, 1,064 were found to be unsafe in a recent National Guard Bureau survey. The major problem is sub-standard ventilation systems that are incapable of removing air-borne lead contamination generated during weapons firing. In Michigan, only the indoor ranges at our two newest armories, Montague and Bay City, met the safety standards and were certified as safe to use.

Because "The Army National Guard has a moral obligation to provide Guardsmen and the civilian populace an environment free of both obvious and insidious hazards" a decision was made to close the indoor small arms ranges, clean them of lead contamination and eventually upgrade them to a safe standard.

A Range Planning and Evaluation Committee was formed in the Michigan Army National Guard to implement this program and 1st Lt. Robert Nault of Ishpeming was selected as the Indoor Range Cleaning Project Officer. Lieutenant Nault is a helicopter pilot with Company A 446th Attack Helicopter Battalion, Grand Ledge.

Lieutenant Nault supervised two, three man teams of Guardsmen who were able to work full time on this clean up project during the months of October and November. All seven soldiers were placed on State Active Duty for this period. A cost estimate for the entire project was to bring it in under $45,000. The Indoor Range Committee determined there were 26 indoor small arms ranges to be cleaned.

Each member of the Range Cleaning Team was given an extensive physical with particular attention being paid to previous respiratory problems. They were then trained on the proper handling and disposal of contaminated wastes.

Each armory that had an indoor small arms range that had to be cleaned was notified of the date the team would be there and directed to completely empty the range of any material stored there.

The team's first consideration was to isolate the range from the rest of the armory. This was done by sealing the range by taping any doors except the one that would be used by the crew to carry out the lead-contaminated sand from the bullet traps. Each team member then donned a protective oversuit, boots, gloves and protective eyegear, sealed his ankles and wrists with tape and tested his respirator.

The sand from the bullet traps had to be carried out of the range and disposed of in a licensed landfill. The last step in the clean up process was a wipe-down of the entire range, ending with a wet mopping of the floor.

This was pretty hard work according to Sgt. William Davis of Manistique. "It's hot inside of those suits. We can only work for half an hour before we have to take a break and we can't drink anything while we work. You sweat a lot." Sergeant Davis is assigned to the 1075th Maintenance Company at Manistique.

Photo by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

Sergeant Leonard Nemeth of the 1438th Engineer Detachment at Grayling, shovels lead-contaminated sand from the bullet traps at the Alpena National Guard Armory into buckets for disposal.

Photo by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

The lead-contaminated sand is loaded into a dump truck behind the Alpena National Guard Armory and hauled to a licensed land fill for disposal.

After each range is cleaned according to specifications, it will be evaluated for alternate use during the interim on a case by case basis by the Engineering and Facilities Division of the Department of Military Affairs. The long range plan is to get some of the ranges safely operational again by proper ventilation of air-borne lead contamination and correcting other safety violations.

How are the Army National Guard units that have their indoor small arms ranges shut down going to maintain weapons qualification during this period? With great ingenuity according to Lt. Col. Phil LaChance of State Headquarters Operations and Training. "We are encouraging units to use the ranges at Camp Grayling, Fort Custer and the two remaining indoor ranges we have if they are within reasonable driving distance. They can also use civilian and police ranges that they have negotiated agreements with to stay qualified during the Inactive Duty Training (IDT) cycle. If they can't qualify during IDT, they can qualify on the Camp Grayling ranges during Phase III, after the tactical phase, at annual training."

by Maj. Michael H. Johnson

A defense of ROTC as a citizen corps

"Anti-militarism," observed sociologist Charles Moskos, "is the anti-Semitism of the intellectuals." And every time they need a *Kristallnacht,* they trash Berkeley's ROTC.

Earlier this month it was the brown shirts of the appropriately named "Nuremberg Actions" group who did the trashing in the name of preventing the shipment of arms to the contras in Nicaragua. Twenty years ago, it was people protesting the war in Vietnam. Almost 50 years ago, it was appeasers who feared that "overreaction" to the Nuremberg rallies and the rise of Nazism would lead America to war.

That Americans would inveigh against war and foreign involvement is understandable. Such protests have a long and proud history. The first American peace group was formed to protest the War of 1812, and there have been groups opposed to every subsequent war.

Less understandable is the simplistic "black hat-white hat" mentality some of those protesters display — "If America is wrong, the other side must be right." When it comes to handling protesters, there are those who would agree. Vietnam recently announced the execution of a protester whose heinous offense was carrying anti-government leaflets on a public train, and Commandante Daniel Ortega took time off from congratulating the most recent Berkeley protesters to arrest and expel human rights activists in Nicaragua. Why American protesters work to bring into power those whose first official act would be to eradicate the protesters remains a mystery.

So does their notion that attacking the ROTC and other military installations is a way to change government policy. You would think that they would be intelligent enough to discriminate between those who make policy and those who merely carry it out. Thanks to "social science" replacing civics, geography and history in our schools, present-day protesters often don't know one from the other. "I hate the Army," a young protester once told me, "because I don't want to get drafted."

"No sweat there, kid," was the answer. "Never in its 200-year history has the Army ever drafted anyone."

"Where did you ever get that crazy idea?" he asked, and was astonished to learn that it came from Section 8, Article I, of the Constitution, which reserved to Congress alone the power to "raise and support armies" and to "provide and maintain a navy."

If the young protester is concerned with being drafted, his quarrel should be with his representatives in the House and Senate who write the Selective Service laws, not with the Army that Congress has created. If protesters are concerned with keeping America out of war, their quarrel should be with those in Washington who make policy, not with those conveniently close at hand who are quite properly carrying out the orders promulgated by their civilian superiors.

Once upon a time protesters knew the difference. In 1899, while protesting U.S. involvement in the Philippine insurrection, the American Anti-Imperialist League also noted "the sacrifices of our soldiers and sailors, whose bravery deserves admiration even in an unjust war." Now, more often than not, it is those soldiers and sailors (and ROTC cadets) who are the objects of the protesters' attack.

Not only do the protesters invite military dictatorship by urging soldiers to disobey their civilian superiors, they also invite it by focusing their attacks on college ROTCs, which were created precisely as a safeguard against military domination of the society.

The ROTC at Berkeley is a case in point. If the pre-World War II protesters had been successful in barring ROTC from campus in the late 1930s, the nation would have lost the services of many outstanding officers, especially including Gen. Fred C. Weyand. A 1939 Berkeley graduate, Weyand was the last U.S. commander in Vietnam, and the post-war Army Chief of Staff. When he retired in 1976, Congress officially credited his extraordinary efforts, his strong example, and his outstanding leadership with preventing a "stab-in-the-back" reaction within the Army after Vietnam, a reaction that had destroyed democracy in Germany after World War I and had wracked France after Algeria and Portugal after Angola.

Berkeley quite properly takes great pride in Weyand. They named him "man of the year" in 1976. The nation can take great pride in Berkeley as well. Although synonymous in many minds with protest and dissension, the truth is that Berkeley is the Fort McHenry of the West Coast. After 50 years of bombardment, the flag still flies over the ROTC department there. That's more than can be said for the once-prestigious Ivy League schools originally founded on the ideal of public service, which capitulated at the first sign of trouble and barred ROTC from their campuses.

Perhaps these were the "intellectuals" Moskos has in mind.

by Col. Harry G. Summers, Jr. (Ret)
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Second Lieutenant Lisa Smith was a Cadet Sgt. 1st Class when this photograph was taken. She was commissioned 13 June 1987 after completing the Reserve Officer Training Corps course at Michigan State University. Lieutenant Smith was also a member of the 144th Military Police Company with the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

Editor's note: The Michigan Army National Guard promotion list is generated from the Department of Military Affairs Standard Installation and Division Personnel Reporting System (SIDPERS). This issue carries Army Guard promotions from 14 October to 17 November 1987. The Michigan Air National Guard promotions are for the month of October 1987.

PFC

Ackels, Jerry L.
Alexander, Phillip D.
Ambrose, Paul
Anderson, Norman E.
Baisden, William H.
Balduc, Roger R.
Bankhead, Sheila A.
Barthel, Gary
Booth, Matthew J.
Brooks, Richard L. Jr.
Cameron, Denyale
Canning, Daniel B.
Carlson, Dennis J.
Chaffee, Gerald C.
Chapp, Daniel J.
Cihos, Randall S.
Claybaugh, John A. Jr.
Collins, Godfrey H.
Cuper, Brett A.
Deforge, Lee C.
Deming, James C.
Denison, Richard J.
Dickinson, Todd A.
Donovan, Michael A. Jr.
Eubanks, Kimberly J.
Fair, Reboykin A.
Farris, Robert III
Fessler, Jerome J.
Fleming, David P.
Gates, Michael P.
Goodyear, Thomas A.
Gray, James C.
Grice, Troy L.
Grover, Daniel M.
Hall, Tracy C.
Harding, Dallas E.
Hawthorne, John D.
Hiske, Timothy S.
Hodges, Glenn J.
Hoffa, Michael A.
Hundley, Kenneth G.
Johnson, Scott W.
Johnson, Anthony C.
Jore, Bernard J.
Juillett, Timothy J.
Kapusta, Michael L.
Klein, Scott A.
Kuznicki, Charles S.
Lacker, Patrick A.
Landis, Scott A.
Lane, Jonathan W.
Lee, Laurie R.
Lietzow, James M.
Lindsey, Wendell E.
Maddox, Daniel L.
March, Randy A.
Matthews, Kenneth V.
McFarland, Mary E.
McKeoun, Larry R.
McKinney, Richard J.
McMillie, David D.
McSpadden, Marvin E.
Meeks, Daryl R.
Merritt, James G.
Miller, Cedric D.
Miller, Joseph W.
Miller, Mark T.
Moeggenberg, Michael J.
Moore, James III
Moorer, Kasundra F.
Morse, Patricia A.
Moses, Michael D.
Nelson, Walter J. Jr.
Neuenfeldt, Randy L.
Newland, Donald E. Jr.
Norris, Robert L.
Odums, Michael A.
Olivarez, Mark N.
Page, Terri A.
Pejuan, Carlos A.
Pelon, Russell J.
Petersen, David H.
Pierce, Walter F.
Porter, William J.
Powers, Gregory A.
Reese, Todd P.
Resseguie, Douglas P.
Reynolds, Daniel J.
Ridge, James R.
Rogers, Darryl A.
Rowland, James C.
Rudenberg, John A.
Sargent, Darin E.
Stephens, Anthony T.
Stepp, Demetrius
Storie, Gary D.
Thompson, William D.
Thurston, Gary D.
Trisch, Dale L.
Tropp, Shane K.
Udell, Jack V.
Wainright, Steven R.
Weinberg, Jeffery L.
Wells, Debra E.
Whisman, William S.
White, Vincent
Wilson, Michael Jr.
Wilson, Angela M.
Wright, Nathan D.
Yackel, Michael G.
Younk, Mary A.

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Hill, Ellen D.

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Bowen, Donald J.
Britton, Ronald S.
Caramella, Michael J.
Castle, David J.
Chastain, Mark E.
Cox, David A.
Craig, Alexander III
Cuyler, Anthony J.
Decator, Scott A.
Dent, Robert R.
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Garber, Thomas A.
Gauthier, Louis M.
German, Ronald L. Jr.
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Harker, Douglas G.
Hernandez, Jose F.
Hodge, Matthew B.
Holloway, Michael D.
Hunderman, Gordon D.
Ivy, Lorenzo C.
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Johnson, Richard R.
Johnson, Veronica L.
Kartz, Ronald J.
Kelley, Mark D.
Kern, Rob R.
Klein, Donald E.
Koptyra, Michael G.
Kreil, John D.
LaBelle, Carl J.
LaPalm, David J.
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McCloud, Kathryn L.
McCracken, Richard A.
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Miller, Rodney L.
Monck, Jeffrey G.
Moore, Garry R.
Munch, Robert L. Jr.
Olsen, Alan W.
Owens, Charles L.
Parker, James G.
Petty, Lovely L. Jr.
Pickell, Anthony D.
Pier, Craig R.
Poole, Robert A.
Post, Robert M.
Powser, Charles W.
Raymond, Stacey L.
Reilly, Colleen L.
Reisig, Clifford J.
Reisman, Stephen W.
Robinson, Patricia A.
Roebuck, Daniel L.
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Sabo, Peter M.
Sadler, William H. I
Sanderfer, William D.
Shaffer, David W.
Spears, Randy J.
Stahl, Eric A.
Switzer, William S.
Szukalowski, Matthew
Tamminen, Gary A.
Taylor, Larry J.
Taylor, Troy E.
Tellefsen, Harold W.
Thompson, Ted O.
Toppin, Johnny R.
Umphrey, Mark J.
Werner, Edward A.
Wheatley, Timothy R.
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Williams, John C.
Wirth, Darrel E.
Yax, Joseph G.

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Glass, Richard B.
Marsh, Steven D.

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Briggs, Thomas G.
Broderick, Thomas O.
Brown, Dawn M.
Buzard, Dennis P.
Calvo, Sixto J.
Clark, Bruce D.
Corley, Anna G.
Corthals, Mark A.
Dodge, Jeffrey L.
Dove, Peter M.
Foreback, Randy A.
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Garver, Christopher C.
Gilbert, Diana L.
Gross, Garreth C.
Hadden, Allen
Heins, John L. Jr.
Henley, Johnny W.
Hoag, Howard S. Jr.
Hurst, Charles H.
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Jenkins, Herbert L.
Judkins, David R.
Kent, Kevin D.
King, Thomas R.
LaPalm, Orion O.
Lilly, Lawrence E.
Lobsinger, Leonard J.
Lowman, Lamoris B.
McCan, Jimmy Jr.
McKellar, Ronald G. Jr.
Miller, Edward J.
Miller, Daniel R.
Moross, Mary L.
Nichols, Scott A.
Nielson, Robert D.
Ott, Mark D.
Post, Jane E.
Reck, Eric A.
Richards, Larry L.
Rodriguez, Arturo S.
Rowe, William H.
Serra, Anthony J.
Shaw, Leslie D.
Simon, Robert J.
Skiba, Winfred J.
Smewing, Randolph L.
Smith, Jesse Jr.
Smith, Joel W.
Tallio, Cason J.
Tejkl, Douglas H.
Tripp, Thomas A.
Vanduinen, Lori M.
West, Dorothy J.
Williams, Loren A.
Wolverton, Dwayne E.
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Howard, Allen D.
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Johnson, Roy F.
King, James M.
King, Lloyd L.
Lake, Thomas L.
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Trimmer, Timothy S.
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Phelps-Collins Air National Guard Base Best In Nation

Photo courtesy of the National Guard Association of the United States.

Accepting the Mission Support Activity Trophy for Phelps-Collins Air National Guard Base is Col. Paul Pochmara, center. The award is being presented by Maj. Gen. Robert F. Ensslin, Jr., left, and Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, right.

Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base of the Michigan Air National Guard, was presented the National Guard Association of the United States' Mission Support Trophy at the Association's 109th General Conference, recently concluded in Portland, Oregon. Colonel Paul Pochmara, Former Commander, accepted the award.

The Mission Support Trophy recognizes the most outstanding non-flying unit in the Air National Guard.

The presentation, by Major General Robert F. Ensslin, Jr. Secretary of the Association, was made during the President's Recognition Awards Luncheon. This year's luncheon recognized 22 units and 35 individuals for outstanding performance and support of the National Guard and the National Guard Association of the United States.

Next year's awards will be presented during the 110th General Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Nominations for the NGAUS individual awards will be solicited in early 1988.

WANTED

Two TAC Officers in the grades of 2nd or 1st Lt. at Michigan Military Academy. Contact Lt. Col. Gerald Purcell at (616) 731-5779.

Governor James J. Blanchard Lauds Air Guard

November 5, 1987

Dear Colonel Paul Pochmara and the men and women of Phelps-Collins Air National Guard Field Training Site:

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I congratulate you on being awarded the 1987 Mission Support Trophy of the National Guard Association of the United States. I had hoped to be able to attend your famous "Dining Out" and deliver my congratulations in person.

Major General Andrews informs me that this trophy officially recognizes what we in Michigan already know, your status as the most outstanding non-flying unit in the entire Air National Guard. It is especially encouraging to note that your high ratings were based on actual performance during deployments and exercises and other indicators of operational readiness.

As General Tesner pointed out, the people of Alpena deserve special congratulations for their part in supporting the unit in its quest for excellence. I an sure an award of this magnitude would not have been possible without the total commitment of everyone involved, civilian and military alike.

I particularly express my appreciation to the families of members of the Michigan Air National Guard whose understanding and support made possible the many extra unpaid weekend and evening hours necessary to win this trophy.

The Michigan National Guard and the Air Guard in particular are the frontline forces of our nation's defense. Their true deterrence value lies not just in numbers of aircraft but in the perceived ability of those aircraft and crews to do their job. It is in this critical area of operational readiness that your efforts and accomplishments take on their true significance. The Mission Support Trophy we all proudly toast tonight is a symbol of your contribution to peace in our troubled world.

Congratulations on a job well begun.

Sincerely,

James J. Blanchard
Governor

Battle Books

Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945

Battle Books is a review of books of a general military nature. The opinions are those of the Editor of the *Wolverine Guard* and do not necessarily reflect those of the Department of Military Affairs.

I have delayed reviewing David Eisenhower's new book, *Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945* until it came out in paperback. The hard cover price is a hefty $29.95 and the paperback edition is a respectable $9.95.

It is worth it though for any serious reader of the European campaigns of World War II. I minored in history while at university and thought I knew my World War II history. I did not. I only knew the hard drawn outlines of the North African campaign, the struggle up the Italian boot, the cross-channel invasion and some individual combat actions steeped in infantry lore such as "Nuts!" at Bastogne and the fight for the Remagan Bridgehead.

Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945 gives the reader an appreciation for the sweeping decisions that were made as early as 1942 that would determine the shape of modern Europe to this day.

An example would be how the British High Command tried desperately to focus the liberation of the European Continent from the Mediterrean and Africa and not from across the English Channel.

David Eisenhower convincingly shows how Winston Churchill was trying to use American military assets, and lives, to save what remained of the British Empire after the war was won.

Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the American President at the time, knew shortly after the British defeat at Dunkirk that the British Isles were safe from German invasion and early in 1942 they knew the war was won. It only remained to decide who and how the Allied Powers, including Russia, would crush Hitler and who would stand on what part of Europe once it was over.

As a young boy, David Eisenhower had met many of his grandfather's contemporaries such as Generals Bradley and Patton and Field Marshall Montgomery. His recollections of them breathe life into their descriptions in the book and make their actions, good and bad, all the more understandable.

Eisenhower's detailing of order of battle, Allied and Axis, is superb as are his descriptions of individual actions, such as the carpet bombing just prior to the Breakout at Saint Lo on 25 July of 1944.

General Eisenhower's personal life receives gentle treatment at the pen of his grandson. The rumored affair between the general and Kay Summersby, his driver and personal secretary, is mentioned but not confirmed or pursued. David Eisenhower makes liberal use of Summersby's diaries of her time with General Eisenhower. Eisenhower's correspondence with his wife, Mamie, reveals a quiet and gentle side of one who for several glorious years was the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers, Europe.

Strongly recommended for World War II history enthusiasts.

Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945 by David Eisenhower. 1986, Random House, $9.95 paperback, 977 pages.

Vintage P-51 Mustang Returns to Battle Creek Air National Guard Base

Photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel D. McIntyre

It was like going back in time when the above P-51D Mustang landed at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base on 7 November 1987. This type aircraft was flown by the Air National Guard at Battle Creek from 1947 until 1954 when the resident unit was the 172nd Fighter Squadron. Lieutenant Colonel John L. Bradley III, Base Commander, gives a "thumbs up" to the aircraft owned by Mr. Harry E. Tope of Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

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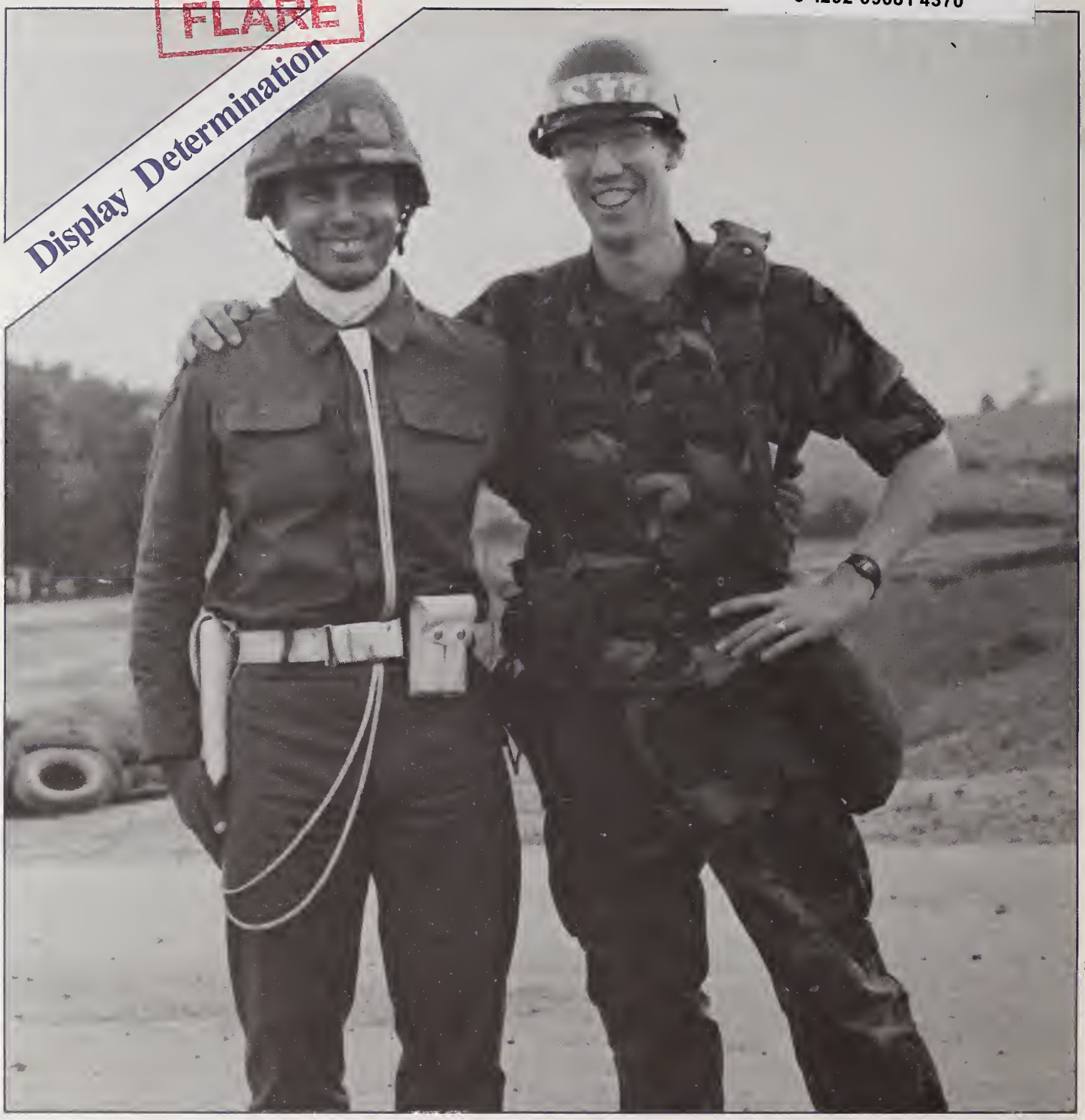

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Captain Tibor Lanctzy, Headquarters Company Commander, 107th Engineer Battalion, swaps helmets with his new Turkish Army friend during Display Determination. See pages 8 and 9.

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